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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Steadfast Love, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to us here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Prayer.

As residents, we are grateful for our abundance of history and the natural beauty of our landscapes. Send Your Spirit upon the members of this chamber as they continue the work of creating fair and just legislation.

Today, we give thanks for the farming community of Conway in Franklin County. Incorporated in 1767, Conway is named after General Henry Seymour Conway, a leader in the British House of Commons who helped oppose the unpopular Stamp Act of 1765.

One of Conway's famous sons was Marshall Field who was born on August 18 in 1834. At age 17, he moved to Pittsfield and then onto Chicago where he eventually established his giant namesake retail business, Marshall Field and Co., where "The customer is always right" became its famous slogan. The Field Memorial Library in Conway was donated by him.

Conway is represented in the House by Representative Stephen Kulik of the First Franklin District.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop, Representatives Rushing of Boston and Benson of Lunenburg and other members of the House) addressing neo-Nazi and white nationalist hate organizations;

Hate
organizations.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Nicholas Sorel on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicholas
Sorel.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) celebrating the occasion of Evelyn Goldman's one hundredth birthday; and

Evelyn
Goldman.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Ian Matthew Arnold on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ian
Arnold.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) stating that they were not able to complete work on the 2016 industry report and financial statement by the August 15 deadline, and that they intend to file said report by December 31, 2017 [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy and Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture], was placed on file.

Clean
Energy
Center.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (under Section 5(e)(2) of Chapter 23I of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 130 of the Acts of 2008) detailing the decision of said center to extend certified status to certain life sciences companies [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Revenue, as required by said General Law], was placed on file.

Life Sciences
Center,—
certified status
extensions.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Evandro C. Carvalho that the Fiscal and Management Control Board conduct an equity evaluation prior to the approval of transportation service pilots for the Fairmount commuter rail line.

Commuter
rail,—
Fairmount line.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chynah Tyler for legislation to designate the courthouse in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston as the Edward O. Gourdin courthouse.

Roxbury,—
Gourdin
courthouse.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chynah Tyler relative to funeral and burial assistance for certain victims of violent crimes.

Crime victims,—
funeral
assistance.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2154) of Adam G. Hinds and Tricia Farley-Bouvier (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide that future members of the police department of the town of Adams shall be exempt from the provisions of the Commonwealth's civil service law, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Adams,—
civil
service.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Travis Tkaczek for legislation relative to limiting the cost of public higher education, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Higher Education.

Higher
education,—
costs.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2155) was referred, in concurrence, to

the committee on Higher Education.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jacqueline Staelens, an employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Jacqueline
Staelens,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ruth B. Balser, Byron Rushing and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to renaming the Yawkey commuter rail station; and

Yawkey
station,—
renaming.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth I. Gordon for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Hart-Desiato bridge;

Bedford,—
Hart-Desiato
bridge.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill eliminating the preliminary election in the city of Revere in 2017 (House, No. 3874) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Revere,—
election.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before twelve o'clock noon; and at eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant 9 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 23) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wrentham,—
liquor
licenses.

To further define the appointment of special police officers in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2138) [Local Approval Received]; and

Brockton,—
special police.

House bills

Designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor

Marshfield,—

Edward Winslow (House, No. 1806);

Designating a certain bridge as the Trooper Thomas L. Clardy Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3797);

Designating a certain road as Trooper Thomas L. Clardy Way (House, No. 3798);

Designating a portion of Route 88 as Governor Cellucci circle in the town of Westport (House, No. 3815);

Authorizing the municipalities of Natick and Framingham to name certain bridges (House, No. 3836); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Goddard, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3868);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Route 3.

Sturbridge,—
Clardy bridge.

Charlton,—
Clardy way.

Westport,—
Cellucci circle.

Natick and
Framingham.

Mary Goddard,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Williams, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (House, No. 3848) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Canton to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 3817) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Canton,—
special
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3885), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.